Met Office Mountain Weather Forecast

Brecon Beacons National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 31 Dec 2022 until 23:59 on Sunday 01 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 30 Dec 2022 at 16:24

Confidence: Remaining unsettled over the New Year period with further low pressure systems moving in from the Atlantic and bring periods of strong winds and wet weather, no significant snow is expected in this period but some uncertainty exists in the sleet and rain mix at times.

Headline for Saturday 31 Dec 2022: A wet start but some drier periods in the afternoon, winds easing for a time but gales and further rain later.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 31 Dec 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Drizzle	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
80%	80%	90%	50%	60%	60%	60%	60%

Forecast for Saturday 31 Dec 2022

Weather: Heavy rain overnight for much of south Wales, falling as rain at all levels. Rain will clear east around dawn leaving a cloudy morning. Further outbreaks of rain are expected by late morning and continue in the afternoon with some heavy spells, turning very wet underfoot with some localised flooding possible. Drier later in the evening as rain clears east.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 20% improving to 50% for a time in the late morning but falling back to 30% later as further rain develops

Low cloud and visibility: Broken or overcast low cloud overnight and first thing in the morning with layers of cloud above 400m and very little chance of views from height in the morning. Below 400m visibility will be hazy but some views are possible. In the afternoon some cloud will clear and lift allowing for visibility to improve for a time. Cloud will become broken again later as further outbreaks of rain start.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	21/29 S	21/28 S	29/40 SW	25/34 SW	19/27 SW	18/25 SW	20/28 S	28/39 SW	28/40 SW
300	9/22 SW	9/22 S	17/36 SW	14/30 SW	10/23 SW	10/21 SW	11/25 S	17/36 SW	17/36 SW
Valley	6/19 SW	9/22 SE	15/34 SW	11/27 SW	8/21 SW	8/19 SW	10/25 SW	16/35 SW	15/35 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	6/1	7/2	8/2	7/2	7/2	6/2	6/1	6/-0	5/-1
300	8/5	8/6	9/6	9/6	9/6	8/6	8/5	8/4	7/3
Valley	8/7	8/7	10/7	10/7	9/8	9/7	8/6	8/5	8/4
Freezing Level*	1500m	2000m	1800m	1700m	1700m	1600m	1600m	1400m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Freezing level above the summits and winds strengthening at times during the day with summit gales likely in the morning and evening.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
15:00 on Fri 30 Dec 2022	12.8mm	27.4mm	55mm

Forecast for Sunday 01 Jan 2023

Weather: A brighter day than Saturday to start the new year, though feeling colder. A few clear spells but often showery too and quite blustery in the strong, gusty winds. Showers will but turn wintry to 600m later. Some drier spells with some winter sunshine too.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 30-35mph gusts 40-45mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 70%, some lower cloud gathering around the mountains in showers.

Low cloud and visibility: Areas of low cloud in showers shrouding the summits for a time, scattered cloud above 500m. Lower cloud more likely for the western mountains. General visibility out of showers will be very good with good views and a good chance to spot any showers moving your way!

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 6 or 7 Celsius.
At 600m: Plus 4 falling to 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1200m falling to 700m

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